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TITLE: ANATOMIC INTERSOMATIC IMPLANT, AND FORCEPS FOR  
MANIPULATING SUCH AN IMPLANT

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**AMENDMENT****CRITICAL**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on July 23, 2003. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for one-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to August 23, 2003. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

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